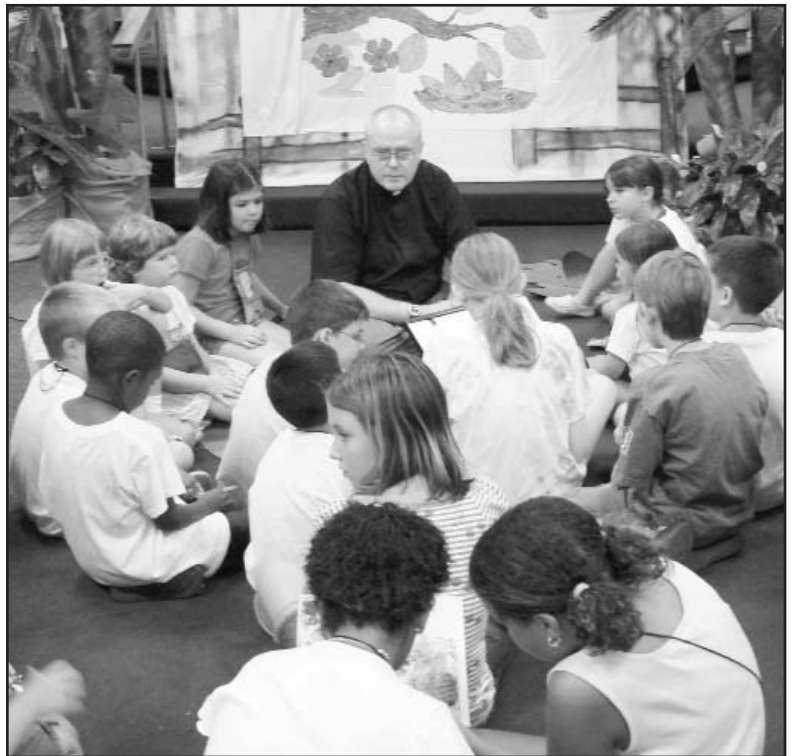


# *The Crucifer*

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

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*Holy Cross Celebrates  
our new Rector:  
Fr. Jeff and VBS!*



## Rector's Meditations

In just a few weeks, August 17, we as a parish family will be asked to share our talents at the Ministry Fair so Holy Cross will have an abundance of ministers to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. St Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 9, vs. 6 states "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

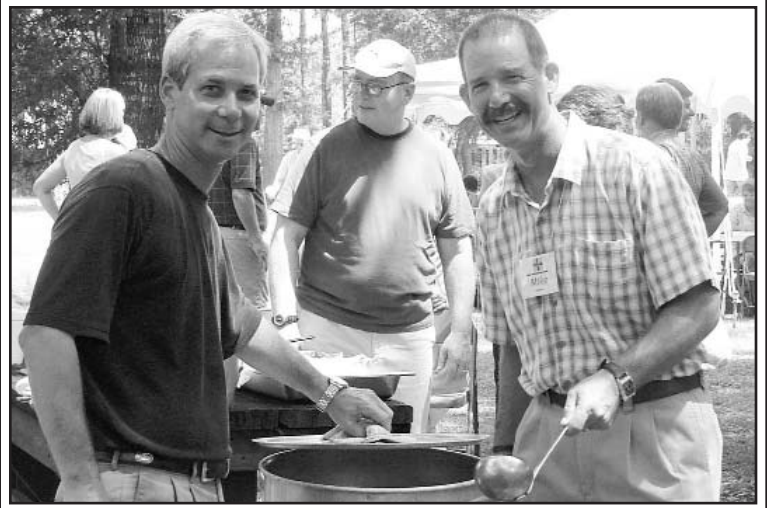
This past Sunday I blessed a prayer shawl that was hand made by one of our church family women. It was going to be sent to Erin who recently lost her husband. Can you imagine the feeling that Erin will have as she places this prayer shawl upon her shoulders? I suspect that there will be many moments this gift will be used by Erin during her life time. She will tell the story of how compassionate Holy Cross was during her bereavement. This gift came from a person who is a "cheerful" giver. This was not only made with human hands but designed with love. The shawl ministries have also designed a lap blanket for men. What a great gift made with so much love!

I have been blessed to be your pastor but I will need the blessings of your ministries as we share in the work of the Lord. Can you spend time with your Church family as we work towards the kingdom of God? You may feel as though you do not have the skills or you just may be shy. That can not become part of your decision to help in the various needs we have because, as St James states that, "God has given us a Spirit of boldness and not timidity."

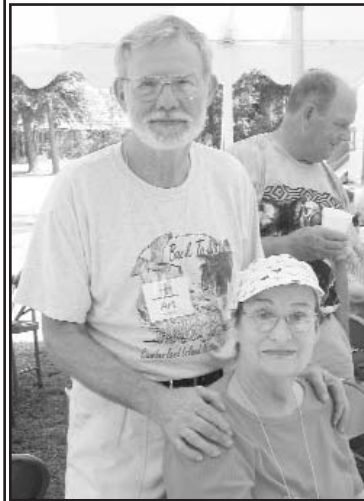
In over just three weeks I have become amazed with the amount of parishioners that have stepped forward "doing" ministry. The Vacation Bible School was a gift of love to our young members. Endless help with the work in the kitchen and sweating outside with a boiled Southern dinner was something out of the Scriptures where Jesus feed the five thousand. Setting up of the waterslide for our children and 'storing' it for later use was another feat of strength that demanded sweat equity. Our choir, hand bells, violinist and the gift of Jonathan, as our organist, is a gift we should never take for granted. I am humbled by those who serve at the altar and those who take Holy Communion out to our homebound each Sunday. Greeters welcome us at our church door! There are so many more workers, who "remain behind the scene", that make up our stability as we venture forth into the future of Holy Cross.

Our Lord needs you to build up our church family... can you help in any way? Can you dare to say, "here I am Lord send me"?

Peace,  
Love Fr Jeff



*More photos from  
Fr. Jeff's Southern  
Style Celebration!*



# The Welfare of Our Children in the Florida Court System

Jay Fitch

*Father Jeff (Reverend Jeffrey A. Jencks) and I (Jay Fitch, a member fo Holy Cross for over 25 years) had an in depth conversation about a subject near and dear to our hearts upon our first meeting July 16, 08.*

Prior to becoming the 4th rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Pensacola, Father Jeff was a true leader in Rhode Island for over 20 years by developing and implementing a state corrections program for youth but he, like so many others, had not been informed of Florida's Own Volunteer Program (Guardian Ad Litem, "GAL") design to assist / mentor / advocate for all the children in our state who get caught up (literally) in the scary legal system and courts when there is a report of abuse or neglect and they must be sheltered from the storm!.

Usually, through no fault of their own, these children get thrown into a legal world that is overwhelming to their young minds and they so desperately need an adults help in understanding and surviving in the often intimidating court system that holds their very futures in its' hands.

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Briefly there are over 3000 children facing court and foster home placement and etc.in the Panhandle of Florida for which only a small per centage (approximatgely 65%) have a case worker who is not overworked or a 'court

appointed volunteer' ( Guardian ad Litem) to be the 2nd set of eyes for the judge in our community to look out for their best interest and be their voice (when necessary) in court .

This is the ever growing situation that Father Jeff so graciously ask me (as one of the newest members of the Guardian Ad Litem Program) to provide some insight to our church family about . . . in hopes that there will be other volunteers who would be able to help, at least one of these children, with as little as a few hours of their valuable time each month?

Please note, Most Loving and Caring Holy Cross Family, that the Guardian ad Litem Program is in dire need of volunteers to advocate for children without an adult voice in our Florida State First Judicial Circuit Court system.

In child welfare, one thing is certain. When the economy deteriorates, abuse rates "go through the roof."

Right now we have hundreds upon hundreds of abused, neglected, and abandoned children who need a voice in court.

A scared child needs your help. Please volunteer for the Guardian Ad- Litem Program. Please call (850) 595-3728 for more information.

## Kitchen Corner

Nettie Umbreit, *Great Wednesday Coordinator*

Hello, Holy Cross Family! I am so excited about the upcoming year especially now that we have Father Jeff and Eileen here. We also have a new organist, Jonathon. We are so blessed. I would like to thank Marcy Winters for coordinating our Wednesday dinners this past year. I would also like to thank Kathy Varner and Anne Young for assisting me in reorganizing the Parish Hall and Kitchen.

It is not a secret! Family dinner time is important. Additionally, I believe that sitting down with your church family to share a meal is important.Come on over and join in on our weekly meal.

We will be going a little more "Green" in our Holy Cross kitchen. Most of the time, we will be using "real" plates, bowls and silverware. The use of plastic and Styrofoam will be replaced with paper products which is more environmentally friendly to our landfills.

The menu for upcoming months will be published in

the Crucifer and posted on the Kitchen door.

August 20th : Pizza, Salad and Ice Cream

August 27th : "Italian" Night hosted by John & Jane Briscione

Potlucks will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Family hosted Great Wednesday Dinners will be held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. There are only a few Family Host spaces left (2 or 3 families can come together and cook their favorite dish for us), so don't delay, please contact me.

As in the past, there is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. If you can't cook but would like to help, please sign up for the set-up or clean-up crews. This happens every week and I would love a few volunteers who have this calling.

I look forward to seeing you at Great Wednesday. Contact info: [nettie4pta@cox.net](mailto:nettie4pta@cox.net), or at home at 857-3760.

## Music Direction

Bill Brown, *Music Director*

Maeanne Naffe, a student in Music Education at UWF and Brian Brown, Principal Violist of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, are the newest members of our Handbell Choir. We are now excepting new members in this ensemble. Prospects must have fairly strong hands and the ability to read music. Handbell Choir is now meeting at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays followed by the Adult Choir at 7:15 PM.

Jonathan Ziegler presented his Junior Piano Recital on Monday evening, July 21st, in the Recital Hall at UWF. His program featured music by Mozart, Brahms and Skriabin.



Several choir members from Holy Cross were in attendance. Jonathan studies piano with Dr. Hedi Salanki. His recital was in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Music degree.

I've written a new communion hymn for the Installation Service of Father Jeff. Entitled "Cup of Blessing," it will be sung by the choir at communion on Friday evening, September 26 at 6:30 PM.

Many thanks to Brenda Brown for leading the music for Vacation Bible School. She was assisted by Maeanne Naffe. This year everyone "grooved" to the rhythm of the Rainforest. The VBS Chorus was outstanding!

## Thank You! Thank You!

Kathy Varner, *Fellowship Commissioner*

A TREMENDOUS thank you to Scott Wilson, Nettie Umbreit and Rachel Iversen for preparing brunch after our early morning service during the month of June.

Thanks also to the Daughters of the King and Mike and Kathy Varner for hosting gazebo nights in June and July.

And finally, HUGS go out to Ann Young for chairing our project to "pound" the Jencks home before their arrival.

A well-done to Nettie Umbreit and Kathy Varner for re-organizing and cleaning kitchen and dining room cabinets and pantries. Please help to keep things organized by returning materials to cor-



rect cabinets.

A HUGE THANK YOU to helpers during the Low Country Boil: Pam Walker for her expertise, Jackie Lanier and Nell Landrum for buffet line set up; Nettie Umbreit for decorations; Martha Williams for prep. activities; Scott Williams, Mike Varner, Warren Post, Gary Marsh for cooking; Kandy Kattau, Debbie Paul, Lisa Marsh, Stacy Litton, and Nancy Wilson for kitchen clean up.

And to the entire community for its effort to set up and take down tables and chairs and contributions of food.

What a fun event! Thanks.

## Sexton's Corner

Vance Luedeke, *Sexton*

The month of April was very quiet. There were, I believe, two Saturday "work days". The ladies continued their gardening (thanks, y'all) and the men working very hard on the same side door to the Sanctuary which has been a long-term problem. They dismantled the door, phoned the sticking side, and moved the hinges some, allowing it to work smoothly for the first time (ever?). Volunteers I remember or it were: Neil Sidebotham, John Briscione, Max Turner, and Warren Post who fixed the choir's toilet seat, which I had procrastinated on "forever"!

June has been rife with happenings of note: first, we

had only one service on Sundays but at the bright old hour of 8 AM with brunches following; and second, Gazebo Night was celebrated on the 18th with wonderful food prepared by the Daughters of the King. Scott and Nancy Wilson prepared the first brunch, Nettie Umbreit prepared the second, the third by Craig and Rachel Iversen, and the last by the whole group. Barry Rupert has stripped the wallpaper from the Rector's office and new paint will be completed soon. Additionally, many thanks to Max Turner for cleaning and clearing behind the shed. That's a big job!

Whew! I believe that's enough for news folks!

# Children's Christian Education

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Happy Birthday to Philip Iversen (August 6), Eden Craig (August 24), and Peter & Jack Orgain (August 25)!

## Dates to Remember:

**August 10** – Church Tube Trip **August 17** – Ministry Fair

**September 3** – Wednesday Children's Christian Ed. returns

This year's vacation bible school was a Tree Top Bible Blast! We had a total of 24 kids attend. While 75% of our own EYCers attended, the remaining 25% were attended by potential new members. They were divided into two groups; Kindergarten – Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Grade 6. A separate Science class added fascination and the Jumper & mega Waterslide added extra fun!

Mega thanks to all my volunteers: Mike Varner, Andrew Wilson, Rachel Iversen, Missy Lane, Nettie Umbreit, Andrew Umbreit, Brenda Brown, Joe Kennedy, Maeanna Naffe, Karen Backes, Bill Brown, Tim Winters, Lori Evans, Colby Frazier, Angela Hinkle, Aarron Cuny, Fay Scordato, Lynn Backes, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Lisa Griswold, Daughters of the King, Fr. Jeff, McDonald's, Kandy Kattau, Chic-Fil-A @ 9 Mile Rd., Kathy Varner's Gazebo Night, Pacheco Family, Backyard Burger, The Flip Factory, CiCi's Pizza and ... for making this year's vacation bible school GREAT!

If you have any questions at cell# 341-2402 or via email at edecraig@cox.net.

# Episcopal Youth Community

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

A big thank you to all the youth group who came out to help with VBS decorations and the actual leading of the younger youth. You are so loved! Karen Backes, Lexi Cintron, James Craig, Aarron Cuny, Mary Catherine Iversen, Alicia Umbreit, Natalie Williams, Joseph Kennedy, Tim Winters & Andrew Umbreit.

## Guitar Group Needs Singers!

Our EYC guitarists are doing great! We need some singers to help. Come on over on Monday Evenings from 6-7 PM in the Youth Room. Jemison Mims will be leading the next 2 Mondays while Rachel is on vacation.

## August Calendar to Relish, Remember and Repeat

**August 4, 6-7 PM** Guitar Praise Practice-Youth Room

**August 10**, Church Tubing Trip, \$15 each

**August 11**, 6-7 PM Guitar Praise Practice-Youth Room

**August 17**, 4-6 PM Guitar Hero & Pizza Peace-Youth Rm

**August 18**, 6-7 PM Guitar Praise Practice-Youth Room

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Calling ALL Ministry Chairs! Ministry Fair - August 17!

Come one, come all to the Holy Cross Ministry Fair and Brunch on Sunday, August 17 at 9:00 am. We return to two services on this day, 8:00 & 10:00. The Ministry Fair & Brunch will be at approximately 9:00 am between services. In the spirit of good fellowship and service, please support our various ministries by signing up.

**August 25**, 6-7 PM Guitar Praise Practice-Youth Room

## Oktoberfest 2008

Youth from 6th - 12th grade are invited to be a part of this wonderful experience. Fran McKendree will be the feature musician. This is a repeat of the popular conference held in the Diocese last year. Is is a diocesan-wide youth party to which all youth are welcome. Cost is \$50 a person and spots are limited. Please sign up in the narthex and get an application on the back tables in the Sanctuary.

## Holy Cross You To Can Tube Trip to Adventures Unlimited

There will be a Tube Trip for everyone on August 10 following the 10 AM service. We will be going to Adventures Unlimited. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign up in the Narthex. Everyone is invited! Bring a lunch and soda/water/gatorade for the group cooler.

# Prayers of the People

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST (Said at each SUNDAY and WED. services for at least two weeks)

Sherry Atha • Aaron Biles • Linda Biles • Oliver Gene Byrd • Melba Cooper • Dixie Edwards • Wayne Elwood • Don Griffon • Mary Harrison • Pam Herberer • Carol Hoffman • Jamie Johnson • Keith Jones • Dave & Beverly Kiker • Patty Krueger • Julia Bell Livingston • Bill Martin • Robert Neal • McKenzie Oerting • Skip Rew • Jean Rognstad • Christopher Scanlon • Aaron Teel • John Watkins • Rebecca & Tim Wise

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST (Said at WED. services for three months and for personal daily prayer and other services.) Names may be removed or renewed, according to circumstances.

Our Members: Amanda Harper • Dottie Adams • Bill Barnard • Heather Duncan • Edda Glosque • Mary Harrison • Norm Perrin • Bob Pollard • Linda Rupert • Beverly Smithee • Jack Stenger

Our Extended Family & Friends: Jimmy Clark • Chris Cochran • Margaret Cockman • Greg DiGiralamo • Jim Dorsey • Pauline Elwood • David Fouts • Joan Garneau • Kay Gartman • Keith Gilson • James Glover • Victoria Godwin • Jim Goodson • Javier Herdia • Valerie Hood • Neil Iversen • Jared Johannsen • Lowell Johannsen • Jessica Knott • Veronica Lane • Louise Mazzara • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Jodey McMillan • Carol Nix • Lucille Osborne • Katie Potter • Steve Ramirez • Kevin Reid • Mary Royalty • Emily Silverwood • Gary Smith • Iris Suber • Martha Trammel • Philip Trammel • Tommie Turner • Madeleine Varner • Ariel Walker • Christine Whetston • Carl White Sr. • Ruth Wilson

Our Homebound: Ed Boyington • Dixie Edwards • Joyce Fulton • Carlene Johnson • Jamie Patrick • Maybelle Scholle • Mig Smith

MILITARY PRAYER LIST for all service men and women on duty here and abroad, especially:

Josh Asselin • Ben Boyer • Lance Breeding • Ryan Broome • Raymond Buckalew Jr. • Travis Collard • Richard Cuny • Mike Darrah • Karin Eagan • Daniel Einsphar • Brian Fitch • Jason Fitch • Logan Fleming • Tyler Gardner • Ryan Garrison • Nick Gibson • Tim Gilson • John Glover • Alonzo Gonzales • Jeremy Harper • Zane Higgins • Jay Hunter • Grey Jewett III • Richard Kattau • Michael Lewis • Ken Libbin • David Lukavsky • Gary Marsh • Chris Miller • Mark Mitchell • Daniel Newsome • Marc Orgain • Nathan Pierce • Brad Post • Chase Rudd • Jason Sjodin • Shaun Southall • Ben Walton • Doug Wiessman

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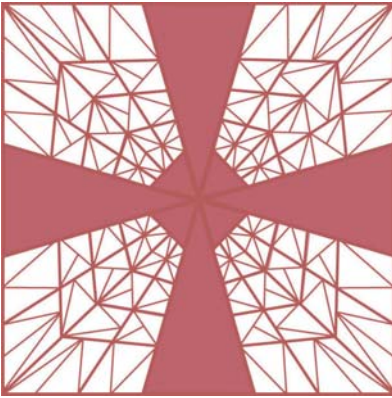
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Will Mims  
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# Holy Cross Episcopal Church

## August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b>Great Wednesdays</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Children's Choir begins August 20th            5:30 p.m. Great Weds Dinner begins August 20th            6:00 p.m. Episcopal Youth            6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal            6:15 p.m. Christian Formation            7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew
<b>3</b>  9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	<b>4</b>  6:00-7:00 p.m. Guitar Praise Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m. Wedding
<b>10</b>  9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School <b>Church Tube Trip</b>	<b>11</b>  6:00-7:00 p.m. Guitar Praise Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King visit Baptist Manor
<b>17</b> Blood Drive! <b>TWO SERVICES</b> 8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion <b>Ministry Fair</b> <b>Calendar Meeting</b> 4:00-5:00 p.m. EYC Guitar Hero & Pizza	<b>18</b>  6:00-7:00 p.m. Guitar Praise Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion <b>Great Wednesdays</b> <b>Return!</b> 6:30 p.m.-HC	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24/31</b>  8:00/10:00 a.m. Holy Communion <b>Christian Ed.</b> <b>Curriculum</b> <b>Planning</b>	<b>25</b>  6:00-7:00 p.m. Guitar Praise Practice	<b>26</b>  <b>Primary Election</b>  6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	<b>27</b>  9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# Holy Cross Episcopal Church

## WORSHIP

### Schedule

**Sundays** 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

ON AUGUST 17, WE RETURN TO:

**Sundays** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*(Please see calendar for details)*

- August 2** Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- August 10** Church Tube Trip
- August 17** Back to 2 Services - 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.  
Ministry Fair & Parish Calendar Meeting  
Blood Drive
- August 20** Great Wednesday Activities Resume
- August 24** Christian Education Curriculum Planning
- August 26** Primary Election

### **GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH - BLOOD**

Next Holy Cross Blood Drive - August 17th from 9 am until 1pm. Blood donation is the perfect gift. It can save a life and God restores this gift back to us soon after we give it. If you are eligible to donate please consider yourself blessed. You must be at least 17 yrs old, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in reasonable good health. Bring a picture ID. Please use the sign up sheet placed in the Narthex and check in at the dining hall on the day of the blood drive.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH**

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**Great Wednesday  
Activities and  
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August 20!**